

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 5

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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Whereas, Bob Chase is celebrating his 50th consecutive year as the voice of the Fort Wayne Komets hockey team on WOWO radio in Fort Wayne, Indiana;

Whereas, Bob Chase has seen the Komets in good times and bad; and, throughout it all, he has remained a loyal Komets fan;

Whereas, Bob Chase was born in the Upper Penninsula town of Negaunee, Michigan, 76 years ago;

Whereas, Bob Chase graduated from Graveraet High School in Marquette, Michigan, earned a bachelor's degree in business from Northern Michigan University, and served with the Navy in the Pacific Theater during World War II;

Whereas, Bob Chase and his wife Muriel have been married for 46 years and have four children - Michael, Kurt, Karin, and David;

Whereas, Bob Chase began his career in radio when he was 23 years old at WDMJ radio in Marquette, Michigan;

Whereas, Three years later, at age 26, he left Michigan for Fort Wayne, Indiana, and radio station WOWO;



Whereas, During his stay at WOWO, Bob Chase has served as a staff announcer, disc jockey, public service director, assistant program manager, sales promotion manager, and sports director;

Whereas, During his 50 years as the voice of the Komets, Bob Chase has broadcast over 4,000 hockey games;

Whereas, Ironically, one of Bob Chase's most memorable broadcasting moments occurred at a basketball game;

Whereas, In 1954, Bob Chase broadcast the state high school basketball championship game between Muncie Central and Milan that ended with a last second shot by Bobby Plump to give Milan a 32-30 victory; this game became the basis for the movie Hoosiers;

Whereas, Bob Chase has been recognized by his fellow broadcasters for his contributions to the world of sports by being inducted into the Indiana Broadcasters Hall of Fame and the Indiana Sportscasters and Sportswriters Hall of Fame;

Whereas, In 1993, the International Hockey League (IHL) honored Bob Chase by initiating a broadcaster-of-the-year award and giving it to him;

Whereas, This IHL award is known as the Bob Chase Award;

Whereas, The state of Indiana has also recognized the many hours of listening pleasure Bob Chase has given to the listeners of WOWO radio and the citizens of the state of Indiana by awarding him a Sagamore of the Wabash, the highest civilian award presented by the Governor; and

Whereas, Although Bob Chase has worked on ore boats in Michigan's Upper Penninsula, earned a pilot's license, and camped in the Alaskan wilderness, his first priority is, and always will be, Komets hockey: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:



1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly wishes to
2 congratulate Bob Chase on the occasion of his 50th consecutive year
3 as the voice of Komets hockey games on WOWO radio in Fort Wayne,
4 Indiana, and to thank him for the many hours of entertainment he has
5 given hockey fans throughout the state of Indiana.

6 SECTION 2. That the Secretary of the Senate shall transmit copies
7 of this resolution to Bob Chase, his children, the Fort Wayne Komets
8 hockey team, and the management of radio station WOWO in Fort
9 Wayne, Indiana.

